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Provisional Terminal Disclaimer

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Present Application

1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., doing business at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin, 54956, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-referenced present pending U.S. patent application serial number 10/036,990 filed on December 31, 2001 for "LABIAL PAD HAVING A NOTCH".
2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in present patent application serial number 10/036,990 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012717, Frame 0044.

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1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is also the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to copending U.S. patent application serial number 10/036,635 filed on December 31, 2001 for "FINGER-RECEIVING AREA FOR A LABIAL PAD".
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Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. certifies:

- (a) that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed; and
- (b) that to the best of Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.'s knowledge and belief, title of present U.S. patent application serial number 10/036,990 is in Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc..

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2. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. hereby agrees that any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 10/036,990 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to such patent shall be the same as the legal title to copending U.S. patent application serial number 10/036,635 and any patent(s) issuing therefrom. This agreement shall run with any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 10/036,990 and shall be binding upon the Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., its successors and/or assigns.

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- (e) is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(a);
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- (g) is otherwise not deemed to provide the rights conveyed by 35 U.S.C. 154 prior to the expiration of its full statutory term;

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Fee

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c)(1), please charge the \$110.00 fee due in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.'s deposit account number 11-0875. This Provisional Terminal Disclaimer is filed in duplicate.

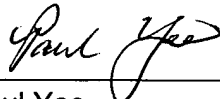
The undersigned is an attorney of record in the present application having serial no. 10/036,990.

Respectfully submitted,

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